## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please add new paragraph [0009.1], immediately following paragraph [0009], as follows:

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**[0009.1]** In the illustrated embodiments, including that shown in FIG. 1, the reinforcement 20 has a front end that is located intermediate the ends of the boot, whereby the lateral flaps 22 are spaced from the front end of the boot.

Please amend paragraphs [0003], [0019], [0023], and [0027] as follows:

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**[0003]** Various methods are known for making a shoe impervious, i.e., impervious to water penetration. They include, for example, providing an inner liner made of a breathable and impervious material; but this construction is costly because the breathable and impervious material is very expensive and all the seams must be made impervious by sealing joints added by gluing.

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**[0019]** Providing this sole 41 on the liner, and therefore within the boot, has numerous advantages:

- the sole 41 is kept warm inside the boot, and does not harden when cold, which would have the effect of eliminating the shock absorbing characteristics thereof, and the boot therefore remains comfortable regardless of the outside conditions;

- the sole 41 integrates a so-called ~~Δh~~ ΔH height difference between the heel and the front zone of the foot, and therefore makes it easier to walk with the liner alone;

- the sole/liner subassembly is inserted inside the outer upper and is therefore completely detachable;

- the overall product has excellent characteristics of comfort, shock absorption, heat, and imperviousness, at a particularly advantageous cost.

**[0023]** The mid-height upper ~~sole~~ 110 is further provided with an inner tightening system constituted of two flexible flaps 115, respectively medial and lateral, extending in the instep zone of the boot. These two flaps 115 are fixed at their lower end 116 to the upper 110 and to the sole 130, in particular in the common assembly zone 112 of the latter, called the lasting allowance.

**[0027]** As previously mentioned, the form of the upper reinforcement 120 is provided so as to cover and to seal, by its cementing, all of the seams 117, 114 of the upper 110 located in an impervious portion thereof.